

PHILLIES FIND WET SECTIONS IN SOUTH

Rickwood Field, Account of Rain, Good for Anything Except Baseball

Birmingham, Ala., March 11.—The best of luck must change some time, and it was in the case of the Phillies. The team's best a rainstorm did break yesterday and when the great gobs of moisture ceased to fall, about noon, Rickwood field might have been considered in good condition to play water polo on, certainly not baseball.

The word "luck" that a day of it would result heavily upon the hands of the Philly athletes, but evidently such is not the case. For the Philadelphia players certainly seemed to be exceedingly thankful for the day's rest. A respite, though brief, from the heavy toll imposed by Manager Cravath is not to be despised, and the Phillies are the best of their opportunity.

Some of the boys spent the afternoon wandering about the streets of Birmingham made, dismal and uncomfortable by the excess fall of rain Tuesday night. Others passed their time away lounging around the Hotel Cravath, where the squad is putting up. Cravath announced that he had purchased Cecil Algeron Causey from training season. Causey was with the team to arrive in the middle of the week and was expected to play with the New York Giants some part of last season.

Ralph Miller, shortstop, arrived in camp yesterday. Miller was recently purchased from the Fort Wayne Three Eye League team. He is said to be a nifty little infielder. Bill Klem, National League umpire, is expected in the Philly camp some time next week. Nip Williams will remain with the Cravath's a short time, instructing the young writers in the new pitching rules recently adopted by the National League. Weather permitting.

Scraps About Scrappers

TWO boxing shows are scheduled for tonight. The Army A. A. Forty-first street and Mantua arenas will open, and the regular Thursday night show is on at the Germantown A. C.

Whitely Fitzgerald and Arlie Maco, both West Philadelphiaans, will appear in the west arena. Fitzgerald is a heavyweight, and Maco is a middleweight. They will be opposed by Mickey Barratt, heavyweight; George Simola, middleweight; Jimmy Turner, middleweight; and Willie Phillips, middleweight.

Lee Hook will come down from Lancaster and meet K. O. Sanson in the feature fracas at the Germantown club tonight. Joe Dalley boxes Ralph Biddle in the semi. Other bouts: Chuck Adair vs. Jimmy Russell; Joe Belmont vs. Kid Sharkey and Arthur Grander vs. Joe Mat.

Vive Moha is perfectly satisfied that Young Dennis will prove his worth as a lightweight star when the Milwaukee lad takes on Harry Tracy in the Centennial tomorrow night. Johnny Martin vs. Johnny Dougherty, Goodie Walsh vs. Freddy Turner, Eddie Dever vs. Kid West and Bud Beach vs. Martin Judge are other numbers.

Joe Welling and his manager, Sammy Hahn, will arrive in Philly tonight, according to a lengthy wire received from the latter. Welling is to meet Benny Valgo at the Centennial Saturday night. Hahn states that Welling youngsters have trouble in making 131 pounds.

Battling Reddy, sparring partner of Valger, will box Bobby McCann in the National's main event. Manager Cravath makes Robbeau vs. Johnny Truman Young Tom Sharkey and Jimmy Markey vs. Martin Judge vs. Jimmy Austin.

Frankie Marotte, who defeated Ralph Sheppard at Wilkes-Barre Tuesday night, is scheduled to meet Benny Valgo at the Centennial Saturday night. Marotte is ready to make his weight with either of the champs at any old time.

Joe Canoy has Frankie Marotte booked for three bouts, viz. Jackie Clark, March 15, Lancaster; Marotte vs. Young Tom Sharkey, and Johnny Wolgat, March 20, Lancaster.

Tommy Cleary, Manzanilla's youthful henchman, who is only seventeen years of age, has had a total of thirty bouts, including the one with Johnny Moloney last week.

Young Weisman, of Girardville, comes out with a statement, "Who's afraid of Lew Tondor?" Weisman apparently believes he can give Tondor all sorts of action. Weisman is matched to box Young Robbeau at Girardville March 12.

Jack Russo is to meet Mickey Danley in an eight-round bout at Trenton March 15. After this contest Russo will be prepared to take on Jimmy Markey, of West Philly.

Billy Devine is booked for three bouts. He takes on Bobby Husson in Baltimore tomorrow night; Jimmy Toler at the Bilou Tumbler, and Battling Fashak at Harrisburg early next month.

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UPSET IN TENNIS

Johnson Asks Name Be Removed From Ranking List—Gibbons Quits

Because of the recent change in the ranking list of tennis players in which Wallace F. Johnson, of this city, was demoted from No. 5 to No. 6, and H. Norris Williams, of Boston, moved up, the former has requested that his name be withdrawn from the official standing. Paul W. Gibbons, local representative on the national ranking committee, has resigned, refusing to serve another year.

Johnson wrote to Julian S. Myrick, president of the National Lawn Tennis Association, protesting against the change, but was informed that the revised ranking could not be changed. "My objection was solely on my demotion," explained Johnson. "I told Mr. Myrick that if my original ranking had been No. 6 I would have offered no objection, but I considered the change after two months an injustice."

HAS BROKEN MANY BONES

W. J. Clothier Has Fractured Framework, Head to Foot—New Break

The phrase "well-knit athlete" applies to William J. Clothier, who keeps his banking hours, despite the fact that a recent break in his collarbone makes over twenty fractured bones his athletic endeavors have cost him.

Clothier suffered his most recent break while practicing with the Peckering Hunt Club's ice-hockey team. Most of the bones in his body have been broken, except his fingers, as is shown by the following list:

Nose broken, three times; teeth broken, five times; arms broken, three times; leg broken, once; collarbone broken, once; ribs broken, five times; hip broken, once; head broken, once.

Joe Wood Knocked Down by Bat

New Orleans, March 11.—"Smoky" Joe Wood yesterday was hit on the chest with a baseball bat by Dick Niehaus. He was not seriously hurt. Niehaus slipped the bat around as he took a terrific swing and Wood, a little to the front of him, got it full on the chest, two inches below the chin. After working out for two hours in a daze the Indians gave it up as a bad job and retired.

Evers May Pilot Albany Club

Springfield, Mass., March 11.—Johnny Evers, former manager of the Cubs and later a star member of the Braves, is touted here as the manager of the new Albany club in the Eastern League, by the officials and fans who hung over after the close of the annual league meeting here.

Giants Not for Sale

Havana, Cuba, March 11.—When Charles A. Stoneham purchased the New York National League baseball team it was done primarily for the purpose of handing down the club as a legacy to his son. Mr. Stoneham made this statement yesterday in reply to reports which he said, were current in the United States and Cuba that the "Giants" were for sale.

Cyclists Plan for Olympics

New York, March 11.—Eight leading amateur cyclists will compose the American team which will compete at the Olympic games at Antwerp this summer, according to Harold J. Dibble, of the cycling committee connected with the American Olympic committee.

Cubs Beaten by Rookies, 4-2

Pasadena, Calif., March 11.—Manager Mitchell gave the regulars an extra inning in which to overtake the Yankees in their first tilt Tuesday, but the Cubs lost to "Coke" Loken's recruits, 4 to 2.

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Quaker Eight's Get First Workout Over Henley Course

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The first race of the year with Yale only three weeks off, and Cöach Wright will work his pupils on the river as often as the weather permits. The varsity crew has been handicapped through the loss of several veterans, and it will take considerable "pulling together" before they reach the usual "right standard."

At the outset of the season, Wright is counting on six veterans, but since he has lost Caleb Roberts through illness and Russell Armstrong and Dick Apple through scholastic difficulties, Brian Keller will not be able to row in the Yale race on account of an engineering trip, but he will be available after that event.

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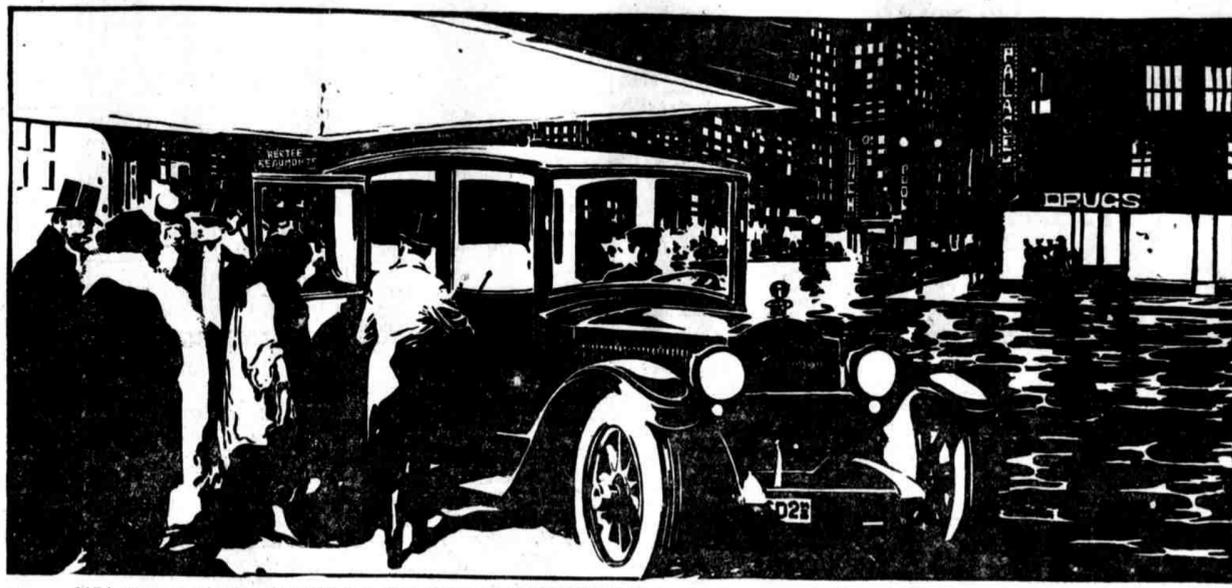
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